

# ABSTRACT

A data searching apparatus for searching a database based on a search criterion entered in a corresponding data-entry field by a user. The data searching apparatus includes a search index recording unit 11, and a management data recording unit 13 that are operable to hold field information indicating one or more of a plurality of data-entry fields that correspond one-to-one with a plurality of search categories structuring the database, and a search category obtaining unit 23, a field display instructing unit 24, and a field display unit 43 that are operable to display the one or more data-entry fields indicated by the held field information, and to hide any of the plurality of data-entry fields not indicated by the held field information.

This prevents the searching operations from becoming complicated and troublesome even when the number of search categories is large.